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TARDEC robots to aid in Super Bowl XL security

Omni-Directional Inspection System robots developed by the U.S. Army's Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center, Detroit Arsenal, Mich., will deploy to Detroit to help with security during the Super Bowl and related events.

ODIS is a robotic system that assists in under-vehicle inspections and provides users with a highly mobile platform that can be controlled from a safe standoff position. During Super Bowl events, ODIS will be outfitted with a six-foot camera mast, which will allow operators to see the inside of a vehicle, engine compartment, and truck bed.

Ceremony marks completion of 'AMC Village', workers move in

A ribbon cutting ceremony was recently held marking the end of construction on long-awaited living quarters at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. Army Materiel Command's commanding general (Theater), Brig. Gen. Raymond Mason, and Army Field Support Brigade Commander Col. Charles Wilson cut the ribbon on the 262-room complex increasing the worker's standard of living.

Move-in operations were performed by volunteer workers assigned to the Forward Repair Activity, the Army Field Support Battalion-Kuwait, Defense Contracting Management Agency, Soldiers from the 1107th Aviation Classification Repair Activity Depot, and contractors assigned to the G-3. The voluntary work shortened move-in time by a month and saved the Army approximately \$20,000 in contract costs.

Secretary of the Army tours Red River

Secretary of the Army Dr. Francis J. Harvey recently visited Red River Army Depot, Texarkana, Texas. During the visit, Harvey was briefed on the current mission status of the depot and toured several production facilities.

During the tours, Harvey took the opportunity to visit with several employees on the production lines and compliment them on outstanding support to the war fighter.

ARDEC, Morris County collaborate on Homeland Defense vehicle test

The Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center, Picatinny Arsenal, N.J., is loaning a special Homeland Defense vehicle to Morris County under an ongoing collaboration effort between both parties.

The customized Ford Econoline E350 extended van will test and evaluate a variety of different mobile Homeland Defense tools and technologies that ARDEC is researching and developing, including advanced information processing and decision-support technologies for Homeland Defense and Homeland Security applications that will support military and civilian operations.

Deseret chemical burner prepares to destroy mustard agent

Deseret Chemical Depot, Stockton, Utah, is preparing to begin the third and final phase of incinerating chemical weapons. Private contractor EG&G Defense Materials is in the process of converting equipment at the Chemical Agent Munitions Disposal System facility in preparation for disposing over 6,000 tons of mustard nerve agent.

"The last stockpile agent is mustard. We started operations by disposing of the GB and VX nerve agents, which posed the greatest risk. We have been sampling containers of blister agent and should be ready to begin destroying mustard in the spring or summer. It will take five years to finish the mustard," said EG&G General Manager Gary McCloskey.

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